

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5197

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OPENING UP OF MISSIONS AND CONSULATES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open new Indian Missions and Consulates in various countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries where such missions are proposed to be opened up; and
- (c) the time by which such Missions and Consulates are likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)&(b) Yes. Government have decided to open Indian Embassies in Bamako (Mali), Niamey (Niger), Guatemala City (Guatemala) and Reykjavik (Iceland).

(c) These Embassies are to become operational during 2008-09.